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Citizen Newsletter

# The Brighton Connection



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## THE CITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER



@CityofBrighton  
for general city information

@BrightonYthTeen  
for Youth and Teen Recreation Program information



"City of Brighton, Colorado" for general city information

"Brighton Recreation Center Youth and Teen Dept." for Youth and Teen Recreation Program information

# CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Drop off your Christmas tree at one of the following sites:

**Brighton Park south parking lot** (9th and Midland)  
**Brighton Sports Complex** (1111 Judicial Center Drive)  
**Ken Mitchell Park** (889 Kinglet Court)  
**Dec. 26, 2010 - Jan. 10, 2011**

OR

**Place tree curbside** for pick-up  
by 7 a.m. on **Monday, Jan. 10.**

Trees will be chipped and mulch will be available from Jan. 14 - 24 on a first come, first served basis at Brighton Park south parking lot off Midland Street

*Sponsored by the City of Brighton Parks and Recreation Department  
and Wright Tree Services  
Call 303-655-2054 or 303-655-2089 for more information.*

**CHANNEL 8 NOW  
AVAILABLE  
ON THE WEB**



In an ongoing effort to enhance communication and to spotlight the city, Brighton's Government and Education Channel, Comcast Cable KBRI-Channel 8 is now LIVE on the web. Visit [www.brightonco.gov](http://www.brightonco.gov) and click on "Online Services" and then "Watch KBRI Live" to catch Channel 8 programming, including City Council meetings at any time.

## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

The Brighton City Council wishes you a happy and healthy New Year. And with the new year, comes New Year's Resolutions - a commitment to break an old habit or start something new. Well, the City of Brighton can help you do a little of both.

First, the one most of us venture out to do for the new year is to get in shape! **The Brighton Recreation Center offers a variety of passes to choose from.** They offer 15 visit punch passes (with no expiration), three month passes and annual passes. There's a great variety of activities at the center to keep your mind and body active including, fitness classes, aquatics, youth and adult sports, and general interest classes.

Part of your New Year's Resolution may also be to start something new. For example, you might want to get more involved in your local government. **What about joining the Social Media crowd and start following the City of Brighton on Twitter and Facebook?** The City now has a presence on both (see page 1 for details). We'll post information about events, meetings, news announcements, emergencies, requests for public input, job announcements, traffic alerts and much more. **Or you might also consider watching our Municipal Channel 8 via the web.** Now you can view live and archived coverage of City Council meetings, bulletin updates and original programs such as "Inside Brighton" and "Action! For Active Senior Adults."

## BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

**City Council Meetings** - 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month at City Hall, 22 S. 4th Ave., Council Chamber, 3rd floor.

**City Council Study Sessions** - 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at City Hall, 22 S. 4th Ave., Heritage Room, 3rd floor.

Residents and other interested parties are welcome and are encouraged to attend. Meetings are also aired live on KBRI Channel 8 or at [www.brightonco.gov](http://www.brightonco.gov) and click on Online Services.

If you are interested in attending any of these meetings and require special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations, please notify the City Manager's Office at 303-655-2043.



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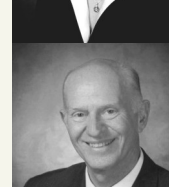
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**RTD IS MAKING SOME EXCITING CHANGES  
TO TRANSIT IN THE BRIGHTON AREA,  
EFFECTIVE JAN. 9, 2011**

Route 120 will be rerouted from Brighton Road to 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Sable Boulevard to accommodate the **new Adams County Administrative Complex**. Service east of the Wagon Road park-n-Ride to Brighton will remain at every 60 minutes. Route 120 offers local service from the Platte Valley Medical Center, travels east/west on Bridge Street to the US 85 and Bridge Street park-n-Ride, cross town to the Wagon Road and Broomfield park-n-Rides.

The Brighton call-n-Ride service area is now expanding the service area to include the entire area of Prairie Center. The service area includes the South Platte River as the west boundary, Prairie Center and Bromley Lane on the south, I-76 on the east, and Baseline Road to the north. Monday through Friday service is between 5:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. This service accommodates the majority of commuters making connections at the US 85 and Bridge Street park-n-Ride and is a great pick-up and drop-off for school children.

Don't forget Route 145X, an express route to/from Brighton and DIA. Weekday and weekend service offers two northbound trips and two southbound trips. And Route R, a regional route that offers weekday service to/from downtown Denver. This route starts and ends at the Adams County Justice Center, travels on Bridge Street to the US 85 and Bridge Street park-n-Ride, and the Civic Center Station in downtown Denver.

***Try a no-drive day and leave the car at home. RTD will save a seat for you.***

**B R I G H T O N   P R E P A R E S   F O R   W I N T E R**

As the winter season approaches, the City of Brighton Streets Division has been preparing the trucks, plows and sanders for service. This year, the division will add to their snow route Bridge Street from U.S. 85 to I-76, and Sable Boulevard south of Bromley Lane. To view complete snow routes, visit [www.brightonco.gov](http://www.brightonco.gov) and click on "Departments" and then "Streets and Fleet."

The streets crew will also be working to find the most effective chemicals for treating the roadways during a snowstorm. New this year will be the use of "Ice Slicer."

"Ice Slicer is most effective at lower temperatures and doesn't contain sand that we have to go back and sweep up after a storm," said Streets and Fleet Director Joe Smith. "We also don't have to use as much of the product to get the snow to melt."

Salt and sand will continue to be used in some areas. A new spreader installed on the trucks will more evenly distribute the salt and sand mixture. It may appear like there is not as much coverage of the mixture on the roadway, however, there will be an effective amount over the entire width of the traveled area. In addition, "Apex," a liquid magnesium chloride, will be used in the downtown area, and during proper weather conditions, on some of the major routes in other areas.

**W A T E R   B I L L  
P A Y M E N T S**

Online: [www.brightonco.gov](http://www.brightonco.gov)

One-Stop Shop Walk-in Payments  
City Hall, 22 S. 4th Ave.

Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**R E P O R T   P O T H O L E S**

[www.brightonco.gov](http://www.brightonco.gov)  
and click on "Action Center" or call 303-655-2087

**W A T E R / S E W E R   E M E R G E N C Y ?**

303-655-2070

**PUBLIC WALKWAYS MUST BE CLEARED  
AFTER SNOWFALL**

Residents are reminded that per Municipal Code, snow and ice should be removed from public sidewalks and walkways abutting their property 24 hours after a snowfall to ensure safe pedestrian access.

**WINTER SAFETY TIPS**

As the city prepares for the winter season, the following tips are provided to residents for personal preparedness:

- Be familiar with winter storm warning messages.
- Service snow removal equipment and have rock salt on hand to melt ice on walkways, and kitty litter to provide temporary traction.
- Winterize your home.
  - Insulate walls and attic.
  - Caulk and weather-strip doors and windows.
  - Install storm windows or cover inside windows with plastic.
  - Have safe emergency heating equipment available.
    - Fireplace with ample supply of wood.
    - Small, well-vented, wood, coal or camp stove with fuel.
    - Portable electric space heaters.
  - Keep pipes from freezing.
    - Wrap pipes in insulation or layers of old newspapers.
    - Cover the newspapers with plastic to keep out moisture.
    - Allow faucets to drip slightly to avoid freezing pipes.
  - Know how to shut off main water valves.
  - Have your 3-day disaster supply kit available.
  - Purchase extra food/water.
  - Have your car survival kit available.
  - Develop an emergency communication plan.
  - Install and check smoke detectors.
- Contact the Brighton Emergency Management Office, 303-655-2316, or the local American Red Cross chapter for more information on winter storms.
- Listen to local authority advisements when traveling.

For more information on winter safety, visit [www.brightonco.gov](http://www.brightonco.gov), [www.readycolorado.com](http://www.readycolorado.com) or [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

**OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS**

Tested on the first Wednesday of every  
month at 11 a.m.

**GRAFFITI HOTLINE**

303-655-2097





# LIVE WORK PLAY!



AT BRIGHTON  
CULTURAL CENTER



A SCOTT BILLEN DORE

## Brighton Downtown Initiative

[www.dtbrighton.com](http://www.dtbrighton.com)

[info@dtbrighton.com](mailto:info@dtbrighton.com)

303-655-2217

## The Armory

[www.brightonarmory.org](http://www.brightonarmory.org)

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303-655-2026

**BRIGHTON RECREATION CENTER, 555 N. 11TH****AQUATICS**

**The Masters (17+) swim team** begins Monday, Jan. 10. The cost is \$35 and practices are from 7 to 8 p.m. on Mondays/Wednesdays. Join anytime.

**The CARA swim team** begins on Tuesday, Jan. 11. The cost is \$60 and practices meet from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. on Tuesdays/Thursdays.

**The swim lesson program** kicks off on Monday, Jan. 10. We offer Monday/Wednesday morning and evening lessons, Tuesday/Thursday evening lessons, and Saturday morning lessons. The program is broken up in levels from beginning preschool age to Level 5 pre-competition classes. We also offer parent-tot classes.

**YOUTH / TEEN PROGRAMS****REI Outdoor Recreation Workshops for Teens**

Learn about the exciting opportunities available in our backyard! REI Westminster designed each workshop to focus on different topics to provide you with maximum information, videos and equipment demos to get you pumped. Transportation provided - depart from and return to the Brighton Recreation Center. For ages 13-18 years old. Cost is \$2 for each workshop. Pre-registration required.

Thursday, Jan. 6: Info on Winter Activities - 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 24: 10 Essentials for Outdoors - 6 to 8:30 p.m.

**Teen Candy Factory Tour to Hammonds**

Be a kid in a candy factory!!! This chocolate factory tour will be a real treat. Just in time for Valentine's day too. Transportation to/from Recreation Center provided. For ages 12-15. Saturday, Feb. 5. 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$5.

**Holidays in the Kitchen**

Celebrate Valentine's Day with creative treats and crafts. Participants get to make goodies, take some home to sample, and get a recipe booklet to share the fun. Make chocolate covered strawberries, chocolate kiss roses, heart shaped cupcakes and cookies. For ages 6-11 years. Thursday, Feb. 10. 6 to 8 p.m. Date is an evening before a SD 27-J No School Day. Cost is \$30.

**BRIGHTON SENIOR CENTER, 575 BUSH**

The "Senior Pride" newsletter is published every two months and lists programs and activities for adults 55 and older. Call 303-655-2075 to receive the newsletter or go to [www.brightonco.gov](http://www.brightonco.gov) to download a copy.

**Spaghetti Luncheon - Saturday, Jan. 29 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

For the last 23 years, the Brighton Senior Center has hosted this great community event. Bring your family and friends for spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert. Advance ticket purchase encouraged but we'll sell you tickets at the door too! All proceeds benefit our Brighton senior athletes. \$7 adults/ \$4 children 12 and under

**Social Security and Medicare 101 for Pre-Retirees - Wednesday, Feb. 16 - 6:30 p.m.**

BEFORE you retire, learn about Social Security and Medicare from the experts - Mike Baksa (Social Security Administration) and William Kistler (Medicare SHIP counselor). Social Security 101: Do you retire early or work longer? How does it affect Social Security

benefits? Discover tips to help you plan your retirement. Learn about the Retirement Estimator - Social Security's newest electronic tool. Find out how to apply for Social Security online!

Medicare 101: Just about to turn 65 and want to know what decisions you need to make about Medicare? Medicare 101 will make a difficult subject easier to understand. Learn the difference between Medicare parts A, B and D, what paperwork is required, and the timing involved for signing up.

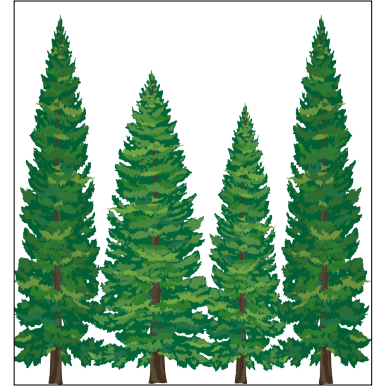
**This program is free, but please register in advance by calling the Senior Center at 303-655-2075.**



**W I N T E R   W A T E R I N G   T I P S**

1. Dry air
2. Low Precipitation
3. Little soil moisture
4. Fluctuating temperatures

Any four of these scenarios can lead to trouble for many shallow rooted plants and evergreens during the winter months. Brighton has had little moisture since August of this year, and it has been quite cold and windy. NOW is the time to start thinking about watering some of your plants and trees to keep them alive this winter.

**Plants that would benefit from winter watering are:**

1. Evergreens such as spruce, pines, arborvitae, yew, Oregon grape holly, and broom.
2. Shallow rooted plants and trees such as maples, dogwood, and lindens.
3. Plants exposed to consistent wind.
4. Newly planted trees or shrubs.

**Watering Guidelines**

1. Water only when temperatures are above 40 degrees.
2. Try and water before noon so it will have time to soak in before temperatures freeze again.
3. Apply 10 gallons of water per diameter inch of the tree. (a 2-inch tree would require 20 gallons).
4. If using a deep root feeder, do not go any deeper than 12 inches.
5. One to two times a month should be sufficient depending on the moisture we receive.
6. If you use your hose to water, don't forget to take it off the tap after use.

For more information, please visit these helpful websites:

[www.brightonco.gov](http://www.brightonco.gov) (look for the "Forestry" link under the "Parks and Recreation" tab)

[www.ext.colostate.edu/pubs/garden/07211.html](http://www.ext.colostate.edu/pubs/garden/07211.html)

[www.ext.colostate.edu/ptlk/1706.html](http://www.ext.colostate.edu/ptlk/1706.html)

[www.coloradotrees.org](http://www.coloradotrees.org)

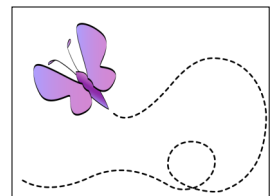
Look for the Colorado Tree Coalition on Facebook or contact Kyle Sylvester, City of Brighton Forester at 303-655-2089 or [ksylvester@brightonco.gov](mailto:ksylvester@brightonco.gov).

**S I G N - U P   N O W   F O R   C O M M U N I T Y   G A R D E N S**

Looking for a healthy way to spend time outdoors this summer? Sign-ups are being accepted for Brighton Community Gardens. All gardeners need to complete an application, available from the Brighton Recreation Center or call 303-655-2200. **Applications from residents within Brighton city limits will be accepted starting Jan. 21.** Non-residents may submit their applications starting Feb. 4. All plots are offered on a first come, first served basis and payment is due at the time of the reservation.

**Community Gardens are located at Zion Lutheran Church, 395 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., Northgate subdivision, 4801 Mt. Evans St., and at Denver Street, 1119 E. Denver St., just off of North 11<sup>th</sup>.**

Garden plots are approximately 30x30 square feet. The gardening season begins in May. Typically water is available to the gardens around Mother's Day and the water will be available through early October. The end of the season is dependent on when the first hard freeze kills any remaining plants, usually mid-October. Included for the price of the rental is the water for the garden and a key to the garden gate. A small tool shed is available for gardeners who wish to store tools on-site. Garden plots rent for \$20 for residents/\$30 for non-residents, plus a \$20 key/clean-up deposit.





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Animal Control.....	655-2091
Building Permits.....	655-2016
City Hall.....	655-2000
Economic Development.....	655-2155
Graffiti Hotline.....	655-2097
Municipal Court.....	655-2064
Parks & Recreation.....	655-2049
Planning.....	655-2059
Police Department.....	655-2300
Pothole Hotline.....	655-2087
Public Works.....	655-2034
Recreation Center.....	655-2200
Senior Center.....	655-2075
Water Billing.....	655-2009
Water & Sewer.....	655-2082
Water/Sewer Emergency.....	655-2070

## CITY CALENDAR

### JANUARY



- 3** Liquor Licensing Authority Meeting,  
6 p.m., City Hall
- 4** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
- 5** Brighton Urban Renewal Authority Study Session,  
4:30 p.m., City Hall
- 11** City Council Study Session, 6 p.m., City Hall
- 13** Historic Preservation Committee, 6 p.m., City Hall  
Housing Authority, 5:30 p.m., City Hall
- 17** Admin. Offices/Senior Center Closed—MLK Day
- 18** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
- 19** Brighton Urban Renewal Authority  
4:30 p.m., City Hall
- 25** City Council Study Session, 6 p.m., City Hall  
Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall

### FEBRUARY



- 1** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
- 2** Brighton Urban Renewal Authority Study Session,  
4:30 p.m., City Hall
- 7** Liquor Licensing Authority Meeting,  
6 p.m., City Hall
- 8** City Council Study Session, 6 p.m., City Hall
- 10** Historic Preservation Committee, 6 p.m., City Hall  
Housing Authority, 5:30 p.m., City Hall
- 15** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
- 16** Brighton Urban Renewal Authority Study Session,  
4:30 p.m., City Hall
- 21** Admin. Offices/Senior Center Closed—President's Day
- 22** City Council Study Session, 6 p.m., City Hall  
Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall

**Brighton City Hall:**  
22 S. 4th Ave.

**Brighton Recreation Center:**  
555 N. 11th

*Dates subject to change*